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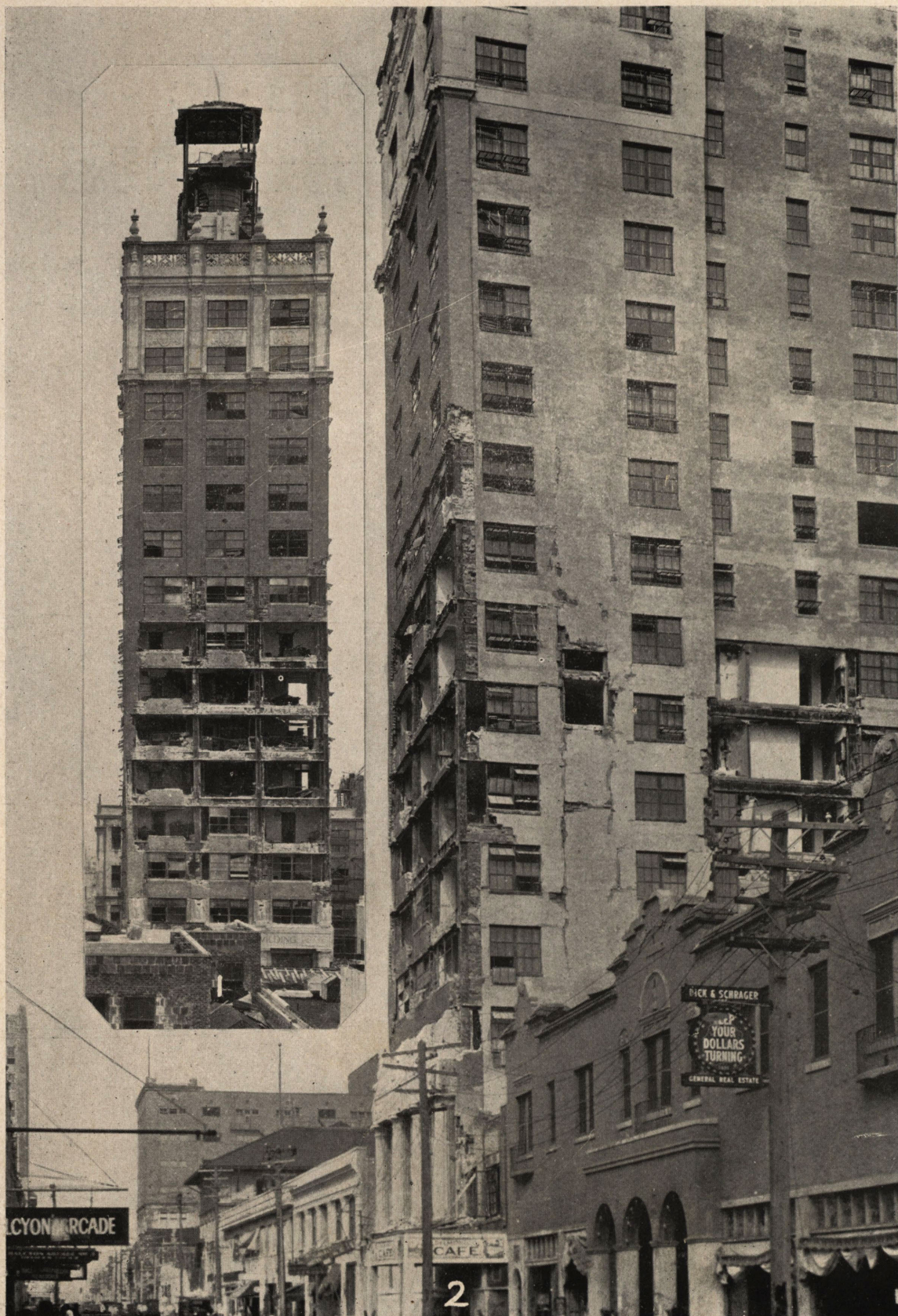


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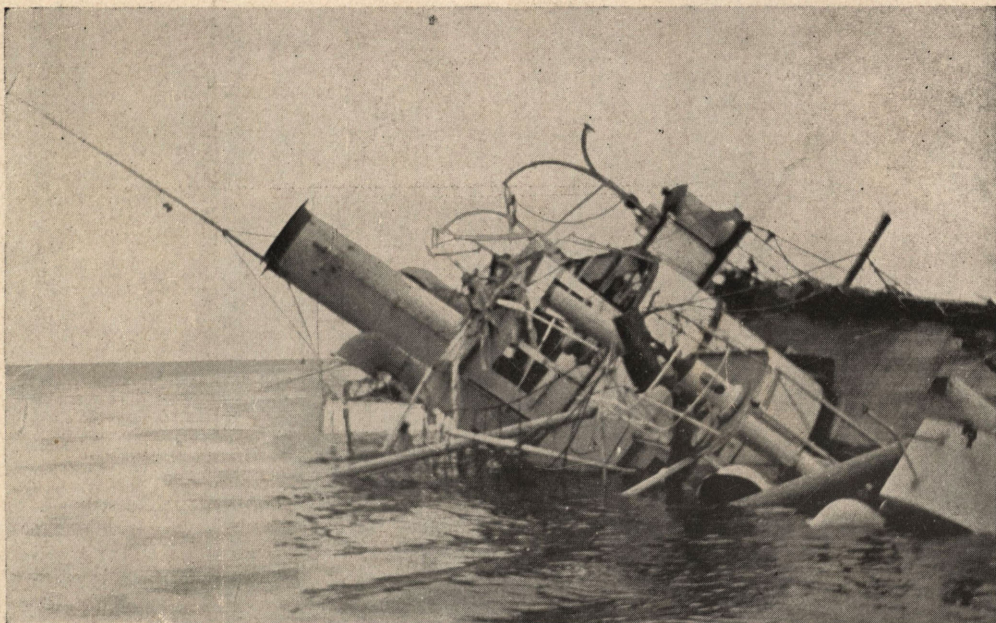
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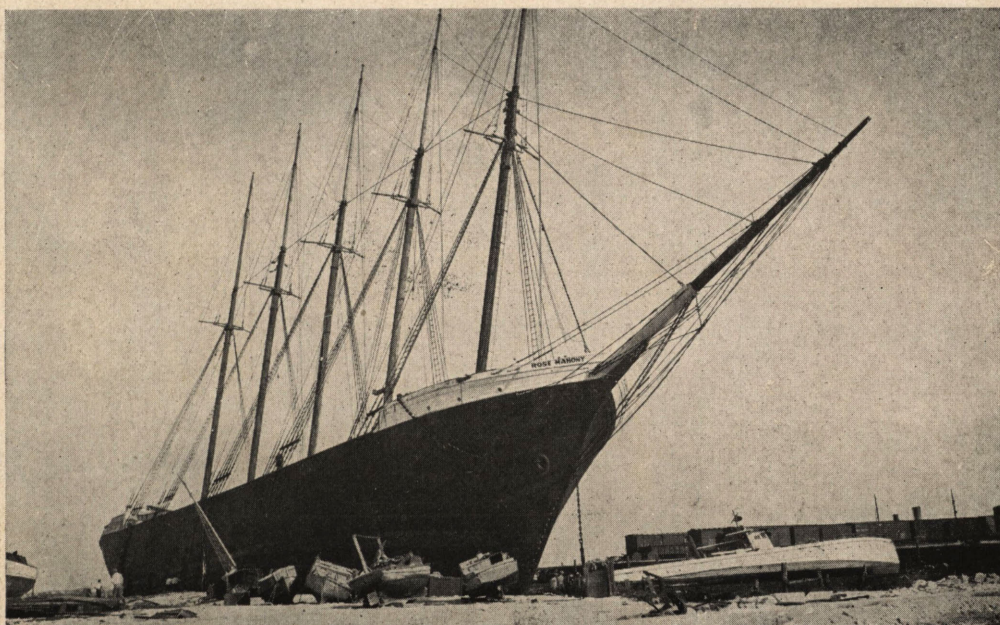
JIMMIE GASSON AND GEORGE MILLER
BRANCH MANAGERS



Meyer-Kiser twenty-story building at Miami, which will have to be torn down. The great structure was twisted and bent.



Kaiser Wilhelm boat wrecked on beach at Miami. Former war lord's yacht carried several to death when it sank.



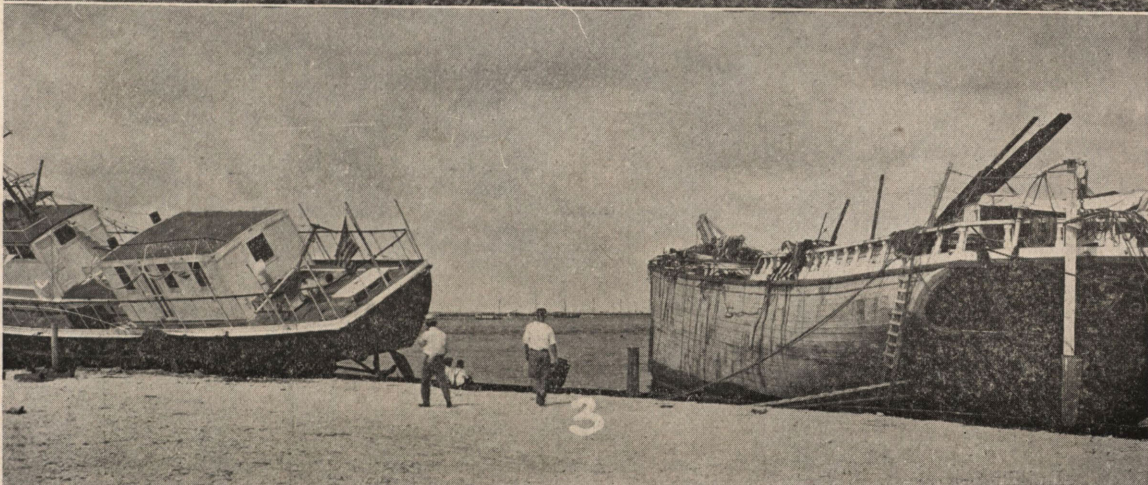
Modern schooner Rose Mahony on Bay Front Drive, Miami. The huge tidal wave carried this great schooner 200 yards from the water front.



Two scenes at Pompano taken from automobile standing in three feet of water on Dixie Highway.



Yachts in park where William J. Bryan used to hold his Sunday services, Miami. Light cruisers literally flung from their anchorages to the park.



(1) (2) (3) High and Dry on the Dixie, Hurricane, Sept. 18, 1926, Miami



Boat in yard of Jack Sterns in New Shenandoah, South Bay Shore Drive, Miami. This boat lost its mast and rigging in its overland journey.



Buildings now standing on Bay Shore Park, Miami, showing stranded boats. The great office buildings were little damaged, but the boats were completely smashed against their fronts.



Scene at Miami Beach



Kalby Paint Co., Miami. One of the city's sturdiest business buildings and what the hurricane did to it.



(1) Pressing Shop. (2) After Hurricane, Miami. (3) Apartment House at N. E. 2nd Ave., Miami.



The O'Brien Grocery Co., N. E. Second Ave., Miami



Ford Garage at Fort Lauderdale. The building lost an entire story before the wrath of the wind.



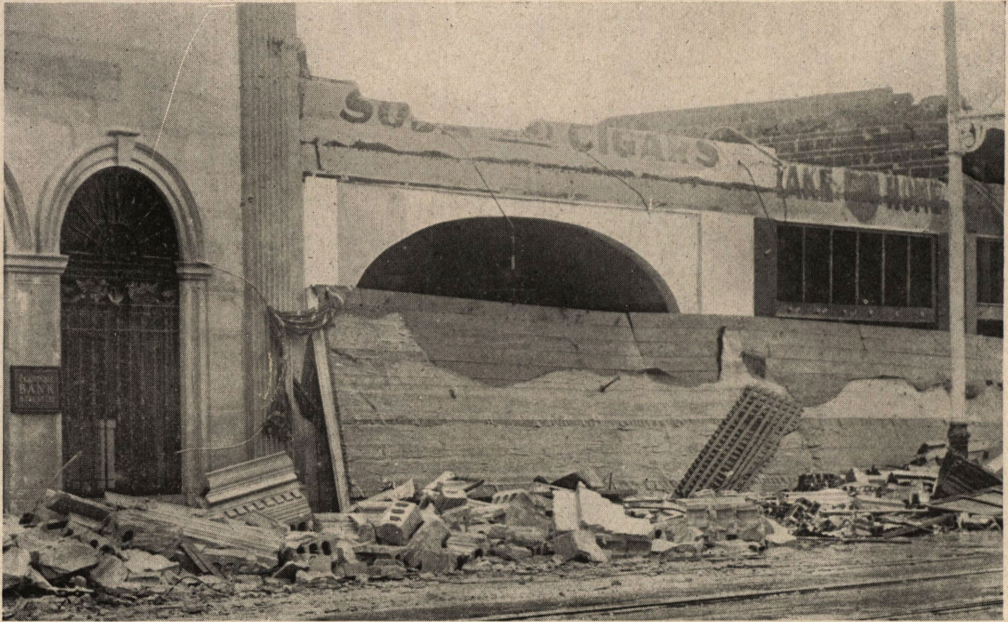
Wrecked garage of J. W. Sorgen in New Shenandoah. Here the blast even carried away sections of concrete which fell hundreds of feet away.



Shackleford Motor Co. at Buena Vista. The strongest, tallest buildings were worst damaged in many instances.



(1) Meteor Docks. (2) Bayshore Drive & 12th St. (3) Meteor Docks.



Scene on West Flagler St., Miami. This shows some of the worst of the downtown Miami damage.



12th Ave. and W. Flagler St. after storm. All Miami was inundated by the tidal wave which preceded the storm's worst fury.



Wreckage along Miami River. River boats were hurled ashore in twisted piles.



Merrill-Stevens Boatyard along Miami River. A tangled mass of wreckage in the hurricane's wake.



(1) Miami Beach, Fla. (2) Miami Beach. (3) Ford Blown in Cellar at Miami.



South M. E. Church, Fort Lauderdale. This staunch concrete block structure crumbled at the height of the storm.



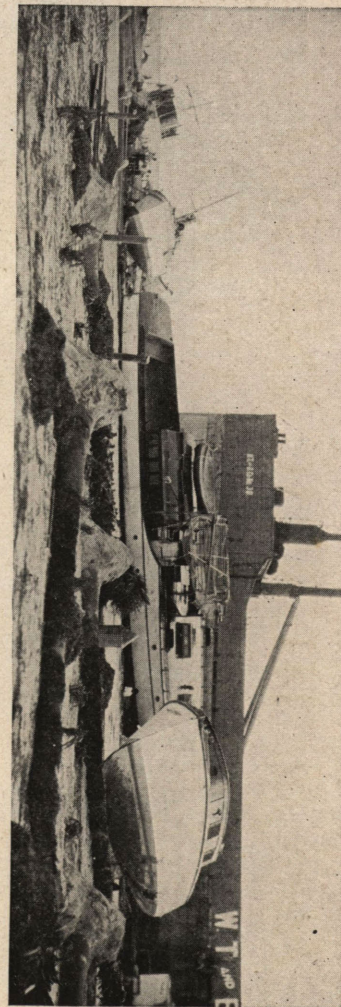
White Grocery at S. W. 4th St. and 8th Ave. The walls of this building were literally carried away piece by piece.



Storm scene at Flagler bridge, Miami. Everywhere along the exposed waterfront was utter devastation.



One of the many destroyed tourist camps. The flimsy camp structures were blown away like chaff.



Another view on Bay Shore Drive showing a few of the many boats that were carried high and dry with the storm.

How the HURRICANE *Did Its* TERRIBLE DAMAGE

Out of the blue expanses of the South Atlantic on Friday and Saturday, September 17th and 18th, a whirling, howling wind-fury swooped mercilessly upon the gayest, brightest playground in all the world—that sixty mile wide strip of Florida's lower east coast with Palm Beach at one extreme and Miami at the other—and lashed it into a battleground of the elements, strewn with death and ghastly debris.

The fiercest and most inescapable of all elemental disturbances. the West Indian hurricane that destroyed the jewel-like resort communities roared out of the sea and wrought its dreadful havoc under a canopy of storm clouds. Then when terrified thousands thought its fury spent and were about to begin the work of counting its toll, it circled and struck again with redoubled intensity completing the devastation of its first blow and leaving vaster ruin in its wake.

In the sixty-mile swath it cut on Florida's seacoast, the hurricane took a toll of 220 dead and 6,328 injured and caused damage that has been variously estimated at from \$30,000,000 to \$100,000,000 with the most likely approximations hovering close to the last figure.

After smashing the seacoast city of Miami with its adjacent communities of Miami Beach, Hialeah and Coral Gables and the beautiful resort towns of Fort Lauderdale, Pompano, Dania and Hollywood, the hurricane swirled through the Everglades to the northwest.

Its path through the unsettled Everglades country is marked with a great swath of destruction. Millions of trees were uprooted and destroyed and the loss in wild life was heavy. Even bands of Seminole Indians in the fastnesses sought safety in flight.

The blast swept on through unsettled country until it struck the little Everglades towns of Moorehaven and Clewiston on the edge of Lake Okeechobee.

There, as in the cities and towns of the lower east coast, it whirled houses crazily to pieces, flattened staunch busi-

ness buildings and killed 150 persons. The toll of injured in the Everglades towns was 50.

So complete was the ruin wrought in Miami and its sister communities that nearly 24 hours elapsed before the first word of the disaster reached the outside world. The stricken cities began their own feeble attempts at checking the toll and righting the damage before the rest of the world knew their loss.

No clearer evidence of the awful force of the wind and the havoc wrought by the terrific pressure of the 100-mile an hour blast and the towering tidal wave that crashed in from the sea with it can be given than by the photographs shown in this booklet.

Official Red Cross reports, prepared under the supervision of Henry M. Baker, national director of Red Cross disaster relief, who is in charge of rehabilitation work with headquarters in Miami, on October 9, 21 days after the hurricane, placed the dead and injured totals as follows:

Fort Lauderdale, dead, 17; injured, 1,800; families affected, 4,800.

Pompano, dead, 0; injured, 0; families affected, 250.

Dania, dead, 2; injured, 6; families affected, 85.

Hollywood, dead, 39; injured, 750; families affected, 1,500.

Hialeah, dead, 26; injured, 800; families affected, 1,500.

Miami, dead, 114; injured, 1,300; families affected, 5,000.

Miami Beach, dead, 17; injured, 1,632; families affected, 2,000.

Rural Dade County, dead, 5; injured, 40; families affected, 2,000.

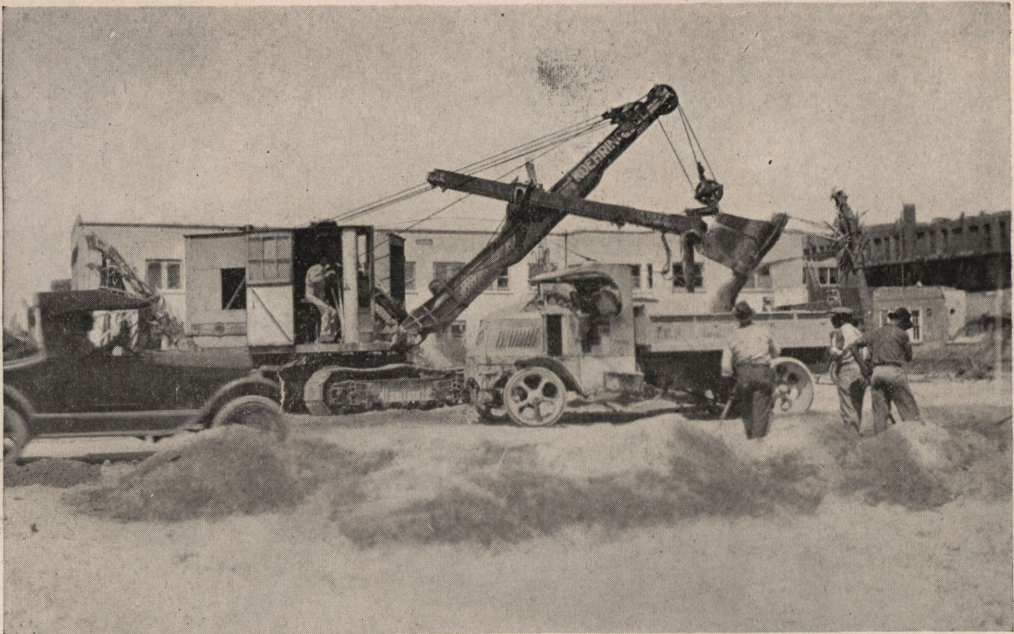
Fort Myers, dead, 2; injured, 3; families affected, 149.

Clewiston and Moorehaven and other towns of the Lake Okeechobee section, dead, 150; injured, 50; families affected, 361.

Totals—Lower East Coast, dead, 220; injured, 6,328; families affected, 17,135. Everglades and Lake Okeechobee sections and on through to west coast, dead, 152; injured, 53; families affected, 758.



(1) Garage at Fort Lauderdale. Several new cars were totally wrecked when building was hit. (2) Another scene at Fort Lauderdale showing great loss of property. (3) This place was greatly damaged, but the business of the owner is to straighten out such as this.



Removing 6 ft. of sand from streets around Roney Plaza Hotel, Miami Beach. A stinging blast of sand was carried by the wind and fell in thick piles where buildings broke the gale's force.



Casino and pool at Miami Beach. The once beautiful pleasure place was a ghastly ruin after the storm.



Scene at Miami Beach. The gorgeously lovely section of Miami where millionaires lived in winter was ruined by the gale.



Scene at Roney Plaza Hotel, Miami Beach. Heavy autos were picked up and tossed like feathers.



(1) 3 Stores at Buena Vista After Hurricane Sept. 18, 1926. (2) Store, Garage and Cafe, Buena Vista, After Hurricane Sept. 18, 1926. (3) Upside Down in Buena Vista Hurricane, Sept. 18, 1926, Miami. (4) Vertex Sign Co., Buena Vista, After Hurricane Sept. 18, 1926.



Scene taken on Miami Beach. Note how the wind destroyed these beautiful palm trees.
View of the Roney Plaza Hotel, one of the finest hotels on the beach. Picture taken day after storm.



Airplane view of Miami business section made two weeks after the storm. Outside of the Meyer-Kiser building and water. At bottom of picture you will see some of the pleasure boats carried across t

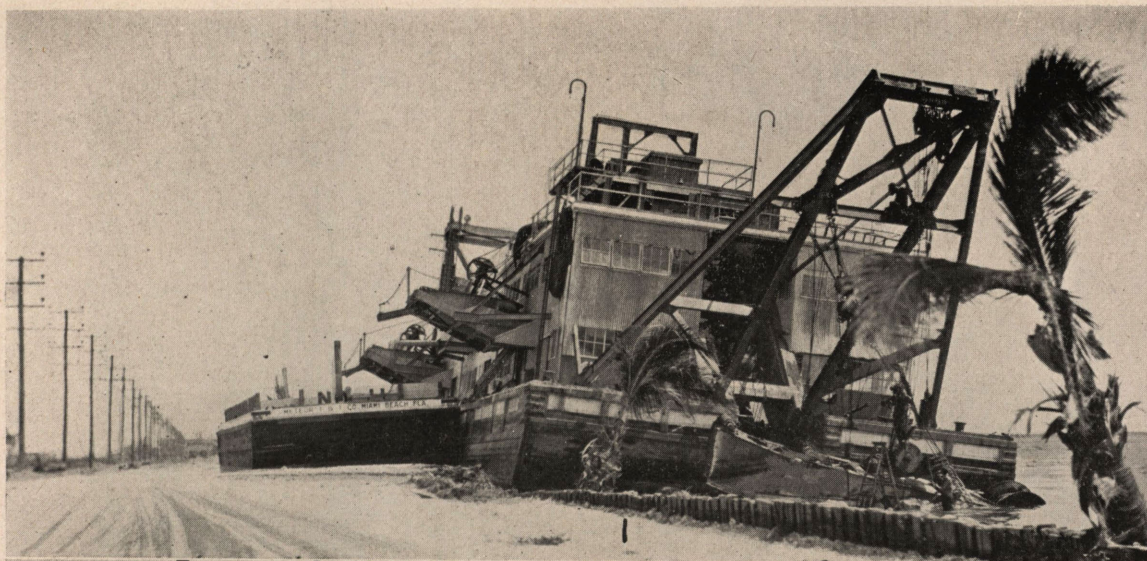


only top showing in this picture, most of the damage in the business section was from broken windows
boulevard, 1,000 feet from shore, and majority of the beautiful trees destroyed.

Photo C. G. Hoit



What was left of beautiful pine tree drive at Miami Beach. What trees were not blown down were left leaning in this manner. Many cars were blown from causeway and several lives lost. The mother that was rescued from this car gave birth to baby on causeway. Mother and baby are saved.



Three scenes on old causeway giving you an idea of the strength of the wind and water over this section.



Scene at Coral Gables. The gem of the lower East Coast escaped the worst of the storm, however.



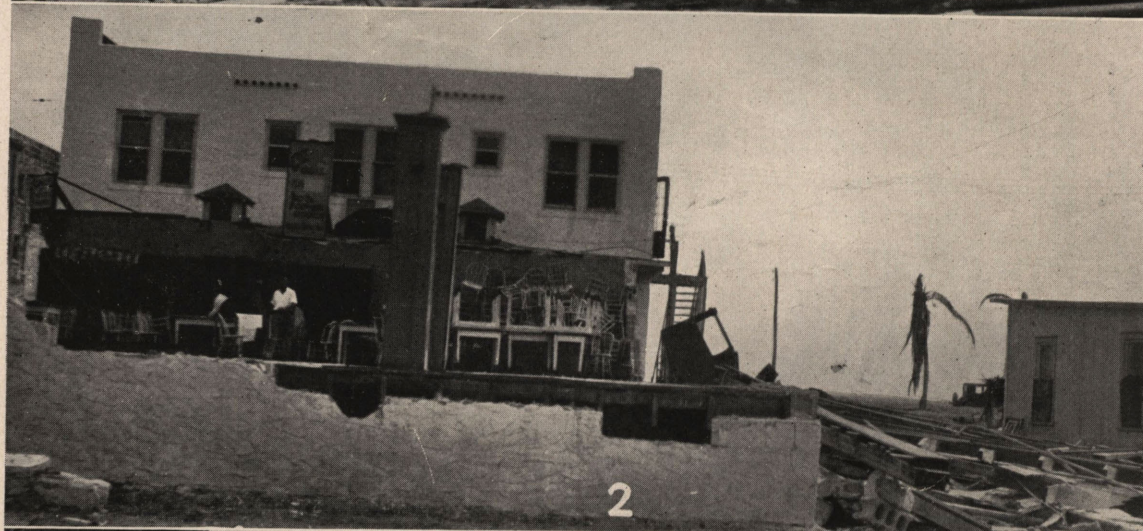
Wreckage along canal, Miami Beach. The fury of the blast lifted boats clear over the canal walls.



Rainbow Gardens at Miami Beach. Another of the city's show places destroyed by the storm.



Scene on Miami Beach. One of the many fine residences destroyed by the storm.



(1) Cook's Ice Cream Parlor After Hurricane, Sept. 18, 1926, Miami Beach. (2) Charles Grill, Miami Beach, After Hurricane Sept. 18, 1926. (3) Hardy's Casino, Sept. 18, 1926, After Hurricane, Miami Beach. (4) Jefferson's Laundry Remains, Hurricane, Miami Beach, Sept. 18, 1926.

LIST of CASUALTIES

MIAMI, Fla.—(AP)—The following is the official list of the dead taken by morticians at Miami. The compilation was made, checked and verified by the Associated Press.

THE DEAD

Armour, Lawrence.
Ayres, Thomas B., 3260 MacDonald Street, Coconut Grove.
Bain, Ralph; negro.
Baker, Mrs. Edith, 35 Seventy-fifth Street, at north side.
Ballou, Miss Anna, Dayton, O.
Been, Carolyn Ruth, and child, 410 N. E. Nineteenth Street.
Berrien, Drucilla, negro, Hialeah.
Best, Isaac Edward; negro.
Bill (infant).
Brinson, Mrs. Mattie.
Brookshire, Lydia, 5222 N. W. Fifty-ninth Street.
Bynum, Tullie Hays, 28, 123 S. W. Seventh Street.
Calcutt, Aubrey S., 32, 620 Leon Avenue, Miami Beach.
Carter, Venetian, 7-months-old baby, Hialeah.
Comer, John H., Jr., East Hialeah.
Cracraft, Mrs. Josephine.
Edwards, John H., 77, N. W. Twenty-fourth Avenue and Forty-first Street; wife, Georgia Dunlap Edwards.
Egan, John J., 65, N. W. Twenty-second Avenue and Sixty-second Street, carpenter; wife, Margaret Egan.
Estey, William W., 60, Miami Shores.
Fisher, Little Doc, 39, 1109 N. W. Twenty-first Street.
George, "Shorty," negro.
Gill, Thomas, 48, body found on Venetian causeway.
Glover, Ammer, 50; body found at Miami Beach.
Godwin, Mrs. Mary G., N. W. Twenty-third Avenue and Eighty-first Street.
Green, Bill, 26, negro.
Hamilton, Leroy, 17, Hialeah.
Hargraves, Ralph, 40.
Harrison, A. D., White Belt Dairy.
Harrison, Mrs. A. D., same address.
Harrison, Mrs. Ella, 42, same address.
Hopper, Mrs. Mary A., 67, 7336 N. Miami Court.
Hoskins, W. J., Owensboro, Ky.
Houston, Sam, 35, Liberty City, negro.
James, Martin, Hialeah.
Kirby, Dorothy, Little River.
Kusta, Edna, 6, Red Road, Hialeah.
Leet, Georgia Mae, 34, Hialeah; father, George W. Leet.
Lehman, Tilson K., Fifty-first Street, Palm Avenue, Hialeah; father, A. O. Lehman; mother, Mrs. Ula Mae Heil.
Little, Alton Bush, secretary-treasurer Miami Beach Beacon.
McGinley, Kathleen, 15-months-old baby, Hialeah.
McGinnis, —, 10 years old, Sigmund Boulevard.
McGinnis, Sr., Mrs. J. W., 26, Sigmund Boulevard.
McKenzie, Frank, 32.
McKinney, Arthur and wife, N. W. Twelfth Street and Third Avenue, negroes.
McKinnon, Leon, N. W. Twentieth Street and Third Avenue; husband, Arthur McKinnon, negro.
McLeob, Georgia, 34, Hialeah.
Murphy, John Joseph, 19, Miami Beach, killed at Hialeah.
Neal, Harper, 35, 1821 N. W. Fifth Court, negro.
Norma, Mrs., South Miami.
Petty, John, 18, Coral Gables Terrace.
Rader, Mrs. Mabel, 54, Hialeah.
Raiford, two children, Miami Shores.
Rexford, Louise, Miami Shores.
Rexford, Jr., Miami Shores.
Roberts, Mrs. Tahila A., Fifty-ninth Street and N. E. Second Avenue.
Roberts, Mrs. Victoria, Fifty-ninth Street and N. E. Second Avenue.
Robinson, Meddow, 21, 1967 N. W. Fourth Court, negro.
Rogers, A. G., 36, Hollywood.
Rogers, J. E., 40, Hialeah.
Sawyer, Randolph, about 40.
Schachter, Isadore, Atlanta, Ga.
Schoenback, Jules, 42, 56 Washington Avenue, Miami Beach.
Schwartz, Frank A., 27, 1028 S. W. Twenty-seventh Court.
Schote, —, Hialeah.
Shutts, Fred, 1738 S. W. Eighth Street.
Smith, Jennie, 40, Hialeah.
Snow, —, Biscayne Park, at north side.
Sutherland, John, 28, Liberty City, negro.
Tuley, John, 42, Thirty-third Street and Washington, Hialeah.
23 men, 2 boys, 1 girl, 1 woman unidentified.

KILLED AT HOLLYWOOD

D is for Dania.

C is for Colored.

Bjorkland, A. P.
Brown, Gordan, and wife.
Brown, Muslean.
Corley, Anie, D., colored.
Crorey, Mrs., D.
Crorey, Marjorie E., D.
Churchill, Edna Allen.
Craft, Mrs. J. H.
Coleman, Roy G.
Dwyer, Tom.
Evans, Henry, colored.
Frost, Mrs. Sheridan, D.
Fross, Mrs. Geo.
Goodrich, Florence.
Head, Mrs. Sarah E.
Helm, Leon, D.
Helm, Lorena, D.
Hickman, Netty, D.
Jorden, J. J.
Luther, Henry G., D.
Marshall, Geo.
McAllister, John W., D.
McFarland, Andrew, D.
Moore, Mrs. R. W., and baby, D.
McCarrell, Thos.
Poole, L. P., and wife.
Priess, Mrs. R. L.
Rogers, Albert G.
Smith, J. R.
Swift, Arman.
Tenall, James, D.
Unidentified man.
Vighes, Peter.
Yeager, Mrs. Effie D.

CORAL GABLES

Cochraft, Mrs. Josephine.
Little, Alton Bush.
McGinnis, Mrs. J. W., and boy.

FORT LAUDERDALE

Austin, Ivan.
Crowley, R. D., and wife.
Gamble, P. E.
McClure, Ralph.
Tellmer, W. A., wife and children.
Thompson, Mrs. Anna, and infant.

LAKEPORT

Beck, Mrs. George, daughter and 2 grand-daughters.
Wilson, George.

MOOREHAVEN

Bowman, Mrs. Vinnie, and 5 children.
Blackwell, Louise.
Barnum, Mrs.
Barnes, Mr. and Mrs. F. C.
Cottrell, Mrs. J. S., and daughter.
Deagrede, Robert.
DeAgrella, Mr. and Mrs. J., and 5 children.
Futch, W. W., and child.
Fisher, M. W.
Gril'a, D. F., wife and 5 children.
Goble, A. E.
Govern, Arthur.
Grilla, J. D., and baby.
Howe, Lottie.
Horn, Mrs. W. J.
Henderson, Mrs. D. J., and 3 children.
Irminger, Mrs. Edward.
Jacobsen, Mrs., and daughter.
Kumesig, Mrs. Adolph.
Lundy, Mrs. J. B., and 2 children.
Lee, Mr.
Lee, Susie.
Norris, Mr. and Mrs. R. A., and 5 children.
Riesberg, Mr. and Mrs.
Roberts, Mr. and Mrs.
Rowes, Mr. and Mrs.
Roams, Mrs. A.
Seely's, Joe, child.
Sullivan, T. G.
Shepard, Mrs.
Strum, Joseph, and 2 children.
Smith, Clem.
Smith, E. C.
Sheppard, John.
Unidentified: 1 man, 3 women, 3 children.
Williams, Joseph, and 2 children.
Youngblood, Mrs. Clarence, and 5 children.



Smith Cottages at Miami Beach. Small cottages were picked up and pitched about bodily.



Wreckage at Miami



This view shows one of the many buildings completely destroyed at Fort Lauderdale. Owner with hands on his hips and in a carefree tone stated he would build again.



Remains of Little River Furniture Store. Hundreds of mattresses from this store sailed away on the wind like great, grotesque birds.



Shackleford Motor Co. at Buena Vista



Thousands of uprooted trees left in path of hurricane. The path of the hurricane was a sixty mile swath of upturned trees clear across Florida.



Havoc played to grounds about Carl Fisher's home, Miami Beach. Everything fell before the storm's fury.



Starting reconstruction next day at Hialeah. No time was lost by citizens in starting to build anew.



From Ton Auditorium at Hialeah. Large buildings of this type were easy prey for the wind.



(1) Street scene at Hialeah out at the race track. Hardware Company, 78th St., Miami. (2) Damage done to the First State Bank at Hialeah. Complete wreckage marked the wind's assault on this building. (3) Little River



Three scenes taken at Pompano, second day after the storm, giving an idea of the damage done in this section.



Private bath made public, only part of bathroom and kitchen left, Dania. Many houses suffered as this one did--stripped of sheathing by the gale.



Scene at Hollywood Beach. Some of the buildings simply collapsed into limp heaps.



Depot at Hollywood. Like many other low buildings, the depot escaped total destruction.



First M. E. Church, Hollywood. Many churches were destroyed in the storm stricken cities.



(1) Garage and other buildings damaged by storm. (2) Some of the many stores either partially or totally destroyed by the hurricane's force. (3) Wreckage of school house and auditorium.



(1) Church at Ft. Lauderdale, Sept. 18, 1926, Hurricane. (2) Tea Room, Hollywood. (3) Hollywood Casino on Beach. (4) Florida Baking Co., Ft. Lauderdale.



(1) Hollywood busses and garage. Days elapsed before the bus terminal was re-opened for operation. (2) Homes wrecked in Hollywood. (3) Maxwell Arcade and sign wrecked, Ft. Lauderdale. The boat lying against the curb was carried on the tidal wave from the shore, hundreds of yards distant.



This tree planted years ago by James Whitcomb Riley was one of the show places of the Beach. The tree was blown down, but with proper replanting and care it shows very little damage.



This picture, like many others, shows one of the freaks left by the hurricane after it had dealt its blow along the water front. The background shows the "Nohab." ex-Kaiser Wilhelm's yacht, sunk in basin, while the two-masted schooner was left high and dry on the Yacht Club grounds as though built right there.



This picture was taken during the storm at Miami Beach and will give you an idea of the water that covered the area.



One of the many garages that were damaged in Miami. Notice cars in storage that were piled with debris.



Remains of pool at Miami Beach. Waterfront beauty spot irreparably damaged by the 120-mile storm.



Campbell Grey's residence at Miami Beach. One of the many fine homes ruined by the hurricane's fury.



Front view of theater at Hialeah race track where the famous Jimmie Hodges' Follies were staged. The interior was completely destroyed, the roof having been blown off.



The wonderful Miami Biltmore Hotel at Coral Gables. This great structure, like all other substantially built buildings, withstood the hurricane with very little damage.



In Moore Haven every building was damaged, only some of the brick and tile buildings remaining intact. The wind blew the waters of Lake Okeechobee over the dikes into Moore Haven. Many places had 15 feet of water and wooden buldings were tossed around like little toys. You can seewater everywhere in this airplane view made ten days after the storm. Everyone had to move out, the majority being taken care of at Sebring. It will be 90 days before rehabitation work can be started.

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